Arthur's Seat Plant Map

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A map of plants on and around Arthur's Seat in Edinburgh and spot names (hopefully all placed correctly!) Subsequent pages detail each plant. The coloured letters on the map are the abbreviations of the sections the plants are in. Years are when last seen in 2014 Rare Plant Register, if not recently reported.

Symbols

Arrow head - Exact Spot
Circle head - Within 100m

General Plants

Rock Whitebeam on Rocks

Items to Add

These items need adding to the map; they are included in the photos section.

Southeast (B3 to C4)
Knotted Hedge Parsley - Torilis nodosa 1977

Somewhere
Pale Toadflax - Linaria repens
Slender Trefoil - Trifolium micranthum
Meadow Saxifrage - Saxifraga granulata
Bulbous Buttercup - Ranunculus bulbosus

Plants on the Map

OVERVIEW : The following details the flowers to be found around Arthur's Seat. They are grouped into sections, each section starts a new column:

SECTIONS : 3 Petals, 4 Petals, 5 Petals, Umbellifers, Mint-like Flowers, Pea Flowers, Other Flowers, Ferns, Horsetails, Sedges, Grasses

SPECIES : Within each section, species are described as follows -

SPECIES NAME : Each species is given the English name first followed by the latin name, which can be located using your program's 'Find' feature. Note that latin names are always changing

LOCATION : The location of where to find it on the map is given as a two-letter code, or several, sometimes with an English prompt, and when it was last found if not present.

DESCRIPTION : A brief description follows as a helper, not intended to replace a good book.

PHOTOS : Photos can be zoomed in. A few are from the web with an attribution, and will be replaced later on.

GLOSSARY - Stipules are the leafy bits where the leaf stalk emerges from the stem.

3 Petals

Lesser Water-plantain

Baldellia ranunculoides
C4 - Duddingston Loch.
Leaves rather narrow; when crushed have coriander-scent; fruits like buttercup's.

Christian Fischer / Wikipedia

Narrow-leaved Water-plantain

Alisma lanceolatum
C4 - Duddingston Loch.
Like water-plantain, but leaves gradually narrow onto their stalks.

Gordon Leppig & Andrea J. Pickart/ Wikipedia

4 Petals

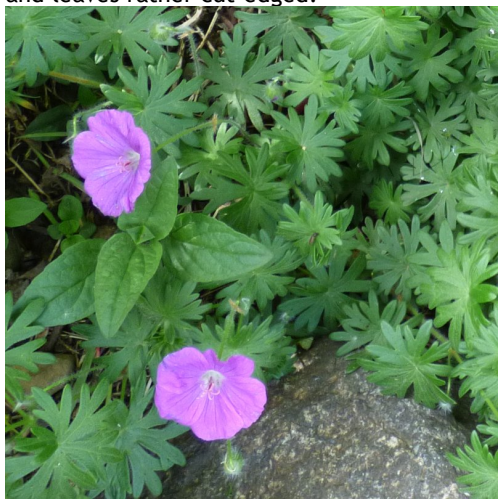
Field Madder

Sherardia arvensis
C4 - Windy Gowl.
Like a bedstraw with small lilac flowers.

5 Petals (& see Umbellifers)

Bloody Cranesbill

Geranium sanguineum
C4 - on rocks & in other spots.
Geranium with strong pinky-purple flower and leaves rather cut-edged.



Bulbous Buttercup

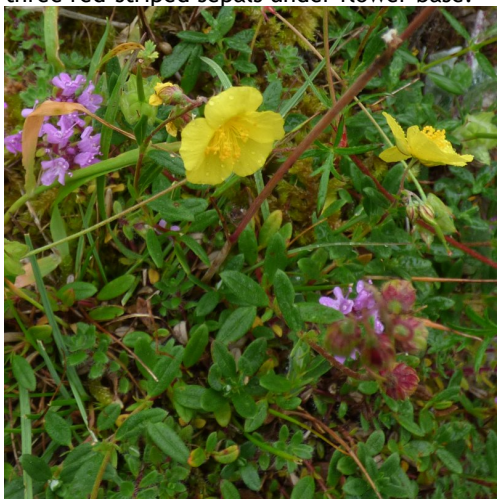
Ranunculus bulbosus
To add to map.
Buttercup with down-pointing sepals (green triangles at flower base).

Common Rock-rose

Helianthemum nummularium

A3 - Radical Road

Leaves like mouse-ear, outsized flowers, with three red-striped sepals under flower base.

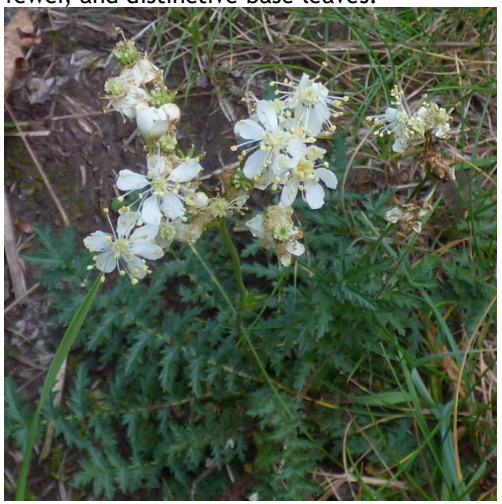


Dropwort

Filipendula vulgaris 1995

C3 - NW of Duddingston Loch.

Flowers like meadowsweet but larger and fewer, and distinctive base leaves.



Early Forget-me-not

Myosotis ramosissima

Bare Ground & Rocks eg A3ish Radical Road.

Tiny blue forget-me-not flowers, very cupped, rather unleafy up stems, fruiting stalks shorter than fruit.

Maiden Pink

Dianthus deltoides

B2 & C2 - Rocky height SW of Anthony's Chapel & Dunsapie Crag.

Flowers fairly solitary on stems, stems shortly hairy in lower half, flowers unscented.

Meadow Saxifrage

Saxifraga granulata

To add to map.

Hairy plant with cupped white flowers.

Rock Whitebeam

Sorbus rupicola

C2 (Dunsapie Crag) C4ish etc - On rocks around, generally hard to reach, but captured with a zoom.

Sand Spurrey

Spergularia rubra

A3? A2 - western path? & top of Salisbury Crags (web)

Flowers pale pink, flowers 3-5mm, leaves greyish, whorled, ending in tiny bristle, stipules (where leaves meet stem) silvery.

Javier Martin/ Wikipedia

Spring Cinquefoil

Potentilla tabernaemontani

A3 & C4.

Like tormentil but five petals, flowers 10-18mm. Leaves dark green, 5-7 leaflets, upper leaves 3-part and unstalked.

Jeffdelonge / Wikipedia

Spring Sandwort

Minuartia verna
B3 - hard to reach and find.
Five petals, mat-forming, often downy, flowers 8-12mm.

ja.Wikipedia

Sticky Catchfly

Silene viscaria = Lychnis viscaria
B4 A3 - on the rocks beside A4 roadside & up Salisbury Crags
Stems purplish, sticky at leaf joins.

Umbellifers (5 Petals)

Bur Chervil

Anthriscus caucalis
B4 & C4.
Plant sprawling; leaves clammy,-smelly & hairy; flowers in small clusters; fruits with visually with burrs (zoom photo).

Fool's-water-cress

Apium nodiflorum
C4/D4 - Duddingston Loch.
Sprawling hairless umbellifer with large bracteoles (leafy bits at base of flower clusters; zoom pic). Leaves bright green, not sharp-toothed, with 2-4(6) pairs of leaflets.

Knotted Hedge Parsley

Torilis nodosa
Southeasterly 1977 - To add to map.
Like a small cow parsley with its flowers crunched into small balls.

Lesser Water-Parsnip

Berula erecta
C4/D4 - Duddingston Loch 1975
Leaves rather upright, often sharp-toothed and greyish/not glossy, with 5-10 pairs of leaflets.

Mint-like Flowers

Black Horehound

Ballota nigra
C3 - 1986
Leaves often pungent.

Pale Toadflax

Linaria repens
To add to map.

Isidre blanc / Wikipedia

Wild Clary

Salvia verbenaca

A3/B3 - western path.

Flowers 10-15mm, usually pale blue, often not opening; sepals white-haired.

first-nature.com

Pea Flowers

Kidney Vetch

Anthyllis vulneraria

A3/B3 - on west-side rocks.

Purple Milk-Vetch

Astragalus danicus

A3 B2 A2ish C2 - presumably near road 2011 & Haggis Knowe (web mention) & top of Salisbury Crags (web)

Stipules fused below; fruit with white spreading hairs.

Slender Trefoil

Trifolium micranthum

A3/B3 - western path? - To add to map.

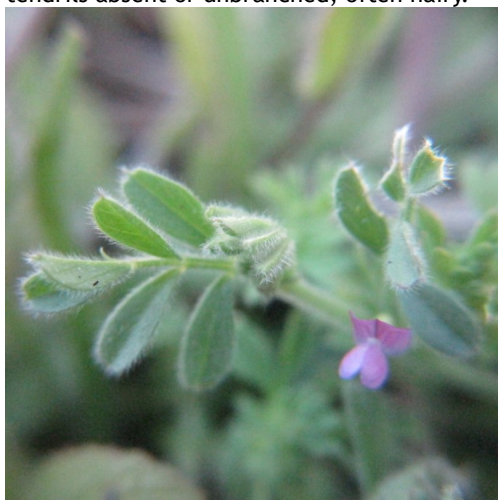
Flowers 2-3mm long-stalked, few (2-6) in open clusters; leaves of 3 leaflets, the terminal's stalk equal to side pair's.

Spring Vetch

Vicia lathyroides

A3 - 2012

Like common vetch but flowers small and solitary (5-9mm), leaves 2-4 pairs of leaflets, tendrils absent or unbranched; often hairy.



Wood Vetch

Vicia sylvatica

A3 - W slope to road, growing in large areas.

Flower heads on long stalks; flowers very pale with dark veins; stipules toothy.

Rayed / Composites

Giant Butterbur

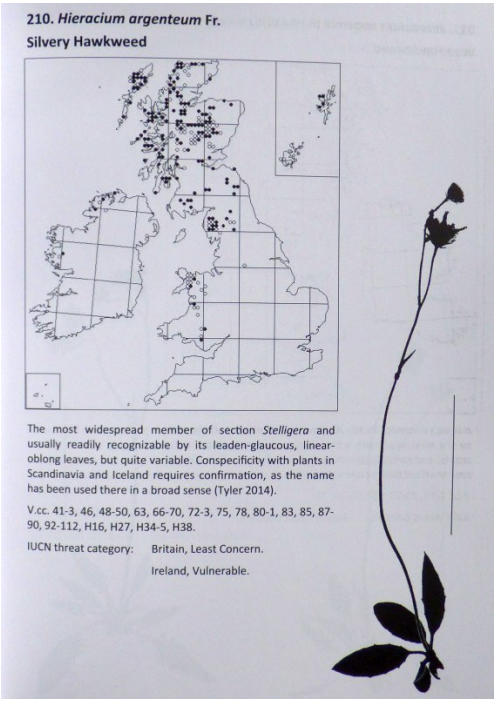
Petasites japonicus
C4 - Innocent railway line, over the path wall where beside a stream.

Heath Groundsel

Senecio sylvaticus
B2 - up beside path
Flower heads have purple tips to their green sides.

Silvery Hawkweed

Hieracium argenteum
B3 - 1984



210. *Hieracium argenteum* Fr.
Silvery Hawkweed

The most widespread member of section *Stelligera* and usually readily recognizable by its leaden-glaucous, linear-oblong leaves, but quite variable. Conspecificity with plants in Scandinavia and Iceland requires confirmation, as the name has been used there in a broad sense (Tyler 2014).

V.cc. 41-3, 46, 48-50, 63, 66-70, 72-3, 75, 78, 80-1, 83, 85, 87-90, 92-112, H16, H27, H34-5, H38.

IUCN threat category: Britain, Least Concern.
Ireland, Vulnerable.

Atlas of British and Irish Hawkweeds, ed 2

Other Flowers

Red Goosefoot

Chenopodium rubrum
B3 - 1989 - maybe a casual.
Substantial leafy plant, well-lobed.

Ferns

Adder's-Tongue

Ophioglossum vulgatum
B2 - Hunter’s Bog (look near the north-side gorse).
A small fern very easily missed in the grass.

Forked Spleenwort

Asplenium septentrionale
B4 - on rockside beside road.
Look under the leaves for sori (spore vessels) if at right time.

Murbeck's Spleenwort

Asplenium x murbeckii
B3 - on rocks
A spontaneous hybrid between Wall-Rue and Forked Spleenwort.

Warren McGuire

Water-Fern

Azolla filiculoides
C4/D4 - Duddingston Loch.
Water-covering fern.

Ron Vanderhoff / calflora org

Horsetails

Shore Horsetail

Equisetum x litorale
B2 - Hunter's Bog
Horsetail whose cross-section is like this.

Sedges

Brown Sedge

Carex disticha
B2 - Hunter Bog

Hairy Sedge

Carex hirta
B2 - Hunter's Bog
Distinctively hairy leaves and fruit.

Prickly Sedge

Carex muricata subsp. pairae
A3|B3

Grasses

Crested Hairgrass

Koeleria macrantha

B2 - SE of Anthony's Chapel & elsewhere

Fern-grass

Catapodium rigidum

A3|B3

Meadow Oat-Grass

Helictotrichon pratense

A2 & B2 - W Path & SE Margaret's Loch

Viviparous Sheep's Fescue

Festuca vivipara

A3, 1990